

May 15, 2003

Dear Foster Parent:

As we celebrate May as Foster Family Month, we want to express our appreciation for the commitment that you have made as a foster parent. The decision to share your home with children who need your care and support is an act of kindness and generosity that makes a powerful difference – both for the children and for Wisconsin's communities.

We know that foster parenting can be very challenging. So many children who enter foster care have had difficult experiences. Helping and supporting them can take tremendous patience and understanding. But as you know, there are few things as rewarding as seeing children grow in self-confidence and self-esteem in an environment when they are nurtured and their value and importance is recognized.

Finally, your understanding and support for reunifying the children in your care with their birth families is an act of selflessness that has few comparisons in life. We thank you for giving love, encouragement, and hope to children and families in need.

Sincerely,

Jim Doyle Governor Jessica Doyle First Lady